

Stop

at Bible Class

Look

at Jesus' Works

Listen

to Jesus' Words



Lesson 1

Jesus is Coming

Theme: Truth—Jesus' fulfilling God's prophecy

Memory Verse

“Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. The news about Him spread ... [and] large crowds followed Him.” Matthew 4:23-25

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Name four people in the Old Testament who helped the world get ready for Jesus
- Name one person in the New Testament who helped the world get ready for Jesus
- Tell how Jesus serves us

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Isaiah 53:1-7
Friday	Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17; Luke 3:23, 38
Saturday	Luke 1:1-7, 11-25
Monday	Luke 1:26-44
Tuesday	Luke 1:57-66, 80

God planned and worked a long time to bring His Son Jesus into the world. God promised He would bless the world through Abraham's family — a family that became the nation of Israel. God brought Jesus into the world as a part of Abraham's family so Jesus could bless the world by saving it from sin.

Not only did God make careful plans for Jesus to come into the world, but He also told people about the plans. Old Testament prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, and Micah spoke and wrote to help the world be ready when Jesus finally came. The prophets told the world, “Jesus is coming!”

Jesus, God's Servant

Isaiah described the coming Savior as the Suffering Servant — the One who would do God's will even though it would be hard. A servant works for other people. The servant

Isaiah told about would do the hard work of helping people with their sins.

When God came to the world to save people from sin, He came in a humble way — as a person to help people. Isaiah said God’s Servant would give Himself to help others. We sometimes help others by taking someone’s place. We call this substitution. Maybe a friend is sick and can’t do his job. You take his place and do what he cannot do — you substitute yourself for him.

Isaiah said the Servant would take the place of sinners. Jesus did this for us when He died for our sins. Every person sins by going his own way instead of God’s way. Sin brings the penalty of death. Isaiah said God would pay the penalty for our sins by Jesus’ suffering and death.

Isaiah 53:1-7

What did people do that Isaiah said Jesus would bear for us?

Name two ways Isaiah said that Jesus would suffer for us.

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Genesis 12:1-3;
Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17;
Luke 3:23, 38

What three promises did God make to Abraham?

Matthew traces Jesus’ family line back to _____.

Luke traces Jesus’ family line back to _____.

Jesus, the Savior

Matthew wrote his Gospel to show that Jesus was the One God had been telling about in the Old Testament. Matthew begins his Gospel by tracing Jesus’ family line back to Abraham. This shows that Jesus was from Abraham’s family or the Jews. Matthew shows in His Gospel that Jesus did just what the Old Testament said He would.

Luke wrote his Gospel to show that Jesus came to help everyone, Jews and Gentiles. Luke traces Jesus’ family line all the way back to the first man Adam. Jesus came into the world as a man to help all people with the problem of sin.

Jesus, the Coming One

When we have good news, we want to tell it. God had good news for the world, and He told it in several ways. God told Old Testament prophets, such as Isaiah, to tell the world that one day He would send His Son. Closer to the time of Jesus’ coming, God sent Jesus’ cousin John to

Luke 1:1-7, 11-25

John would come to the world and be like which Old Testament prophet?

What was John’s job?

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Luke 1:26-44

How would Mary be able to have a son since she was not yet married?

I found this answer in verse _____

What happened to Elizabeth when Mary spoke to her? a) She cried for 7 days, b) She ran to get her husband, c) The baby moved inside of her.

tell the good news that Jesus would save the world from sin.

John's father and mother were Zachariah (sometimes spelled 'Zacharias') and Elizabeth. Both Zachariah and Elizabeth were old and they had never had children. One day an angel from God came to Zachariah to tell him Elizabeth would have a son. This son would tell the world that Jesus was coming. The angel told Zachariah to name their son John.

In time, John was born just as God promised. When the

right time came, John started preaching to turn people's hearts to God so they would be ready for the Coming One. John told people to be baptized to be ready for Jesus. Because he baptized people, John is often called John the Baptist.

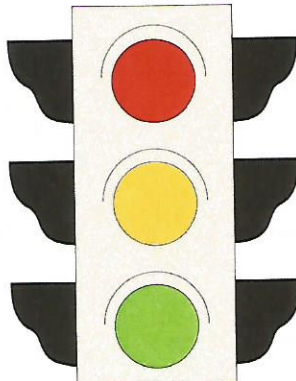
God worked hard to help people be ready because ... Jesus was coming!

Luke 1:57-66, 80

What happened when Zachariah wrote that their baby should be named John?

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When I am warned to prepare for something like a test, I prepare as completely as I can.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — rarely

Yellow — sometimes

Green — most of the time

SLOW DOWN TO THINK

Suppose you are a basketball player and the school hires a new coach for next season. Some people look forward to the change, but most people like the coach who had been with the team many years. Your job is to prepare everyone to look forward to the new coach and like him. How would you do this and how would you feel when most people didn't like what you were doing? Whose work does this help you understand better?

GO FOR THE BIBLE FACTS

Find one of your parents and recite to them all the books of the Bible.

What is the book of James about?

On a map inside the back cover, find the city of Caesarea Philippi.